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Inclusive Playgrounds

Bernalillo County requests \$500,000 to purchase and install inclusive playground equipment at City of Albuquerque parks within Bernalillo County Commission District 3. Inclusive playgrounds include a variety of swings, spinners, sensory panels and other play structures that cater to the needs of all individuals, including those with physical, cognitive or sensory disabilities. They also include ADA compliant surfaces that support wheelchairs and other mobility devices. However, while most playgrounds are accessible (i.e. you can get to them), inclusive playgrounds provide sensory opportunities for *all* participants so that visitors, with or without disabilities, can share the same experience together.

Bernalillo County currently does not operate any parks and recreation facilities within District 3, which is entirely within the incorporated limits of the City of Albuquerque. This request would allow Bernalillo County to assist the City of Albuquerque in continuing to provide superior recreational services to all residents.

